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33. (Once Amended) An isolated polypeptide fragment comprising at least 30 consecutive amino acids of SEQ ID NO:1.

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34. (Once Amended) The isolated polypeptide fragment of claim 35, wherein the isolated polypeptide fragment comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence fused to the at least 30 consecutive amino acids of SEQ ID NO:1.

#### Remarks

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2000 (Paper No. 6). Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the subject application in view thereof are respectfully requested.

#### Claims

Claims 25-34 were pending. Claims 25-34 stood rejected.

Claims 25, 27, 29 and 31-34 have been amended to more particularly and distinctly define the invention. No new matter is added.

#### Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 Second Paragraph

Claims 25-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that

[t]he claims are vague and indefinite since SEQ ID NO:2 is DNA and the claims recite a polypeptide.

The examiner searched SEQ ID NO:2 as recited in the claims since there was insufficient time to search SEQ ID NO:1 no examination of SEQ ID NO:1 has been made.

Applicants have amended to claims to obviate this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

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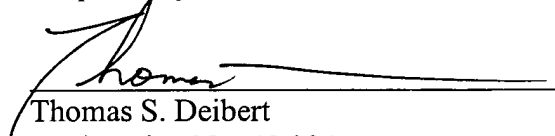
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**Closing Remarks**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action and believes this response to constitute a full and complete response to such Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration in view of this response and allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

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